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# **SCOTTSDALE MAN ENTERS GUILTY PLEA TO FILING FALSE TAX RETURN**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced today that on April 2, 2002, James Neil Feichtinger, 62, of Scottsdale, Arizona pled guilty in federal district court in Phoenix, Arizona, to filing a false federal income tax for 1995.

Feichtinger had been charged with violating Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 7206(1). The indictment alleged that Feichtinger submitted a tax return and W-2 withholding form claiming that he was entitled to a tax refund. Feichtinger, who signed his return under penalty of perjury, falsely reported on his return that he earned \$96,000 from his employer. He also attached a W-2 form supposedly from the employer that falsely claimed earnings of \$96,000 and over \$38,000 in federal tax withholdings. The defendant also falsely claimed a tax refund on the basis of this income and withholdings. In fact, the indictment alleges, Feichtinger earned nothing from the employer, had no taxes withheld and was not entitled to a tax refund.

A conviction for submitting a false tax return carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison, a \$100,000 fine or both.

Sentencing is set before Judge James A. Teilborg on June 17, 2002.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

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